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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MENDELSON. OUR CABLE DID NOT GIVE YOU ALL THE BACKGROUND ON MENDELSON'S PROPOSED VI;I". HE IS, YOU MAY RECALL, THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL UNIT IN INS DEALING WITH ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS -IVING IN THE U.S. HIS UNIT, AND INS IN GENERAL, IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE TO SHOW SOME RESULTS (AND TO EXPLAIN EVIDENT LAXNESS IN THE PAST), SO MENDELSON WANTS TO BE SURE HE'S UP TO DATE BOTH FROM OUR SIDE AND THROUGH CONTACTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES (ESPECIALLY THE USSR, POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA). THERE WILL EVIDENTLY BE HEARINGS AGAIN THIS FALL. MENDELSON HAS TAKEN QUITE A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE ARTUKOVIC CASE AND WANTS TO PURSUE DEPORTATION. HE IS A VERY ABLE GUY WITH WHOM WE HAVE EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONS, SO IF SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT, IT WOULD
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DO HIM GOOD AND US AS WELL. IF BULAJIC OR OTHERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, IT MIGHT STILL BE USEFUL IF MENDELSON COULD TALK WITH PEOPLE IN THE EMBASSY.

2. MICHAEL SEDMAK'S SISTER MRS. HUNT CALLED AGAIN RECENTLY ASKING ABOUT HIS CONDITION AND ESPECIALLY THE STATUS OF THE APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE. YOU MIGHT WRAP THIS INTO

YOUR NEXT PRISON VISIT REPORT ON HIM.

3. IT IS STRONGLY RUMORED HERE THAT BILL LUERS IS GOING TO DESERT US TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO WILL REPLACE HIM, BUT HIS DEPARTURE WILL BE A GENUINE LOSS FOR OUR OPERATIONS.

4. A WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT THIS CHANNEL: ALL IMMEDIATE CABLES, INCLUDING O-I'S, GO INTO THE OPS CENTER EVEN IF THEY HAVE THE "THREE COPIES ONLY" SLUG. SO FAR WE'VE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS; BUT THAT EXPLAINS WHY WE DO NOT SEND THESE IMMEDIATE, EVEN WHEN THERE IS SOME URGENCY.

5. KRSKO. SECRETARY SIGNED LETTER LATE TODAY TO VRHOVEC AND CABLE SHOULD GO OUT TOMORROW. REGRET THAT WE DIDN'T MAKE JULY 24 DATE. VANCE

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